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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 1951.

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report on the indicated acreages of certain crops in 1951 based upon reports from farmers in all parts of the country on or about March 1 regarding their acreage plans for the 1951 season. The acreages for 1951 are interpretations of reports from growers and are based on past relationships between such reports and acreages actually planted. The purpose of this report is to assist growers generally in making such further changes in their acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreages actually planted in 1951 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated, by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions, the agricultural program, and the effect of this report itself upon farmers' actions.

OKLAHOMA: The March acreage survey indicates increases in soybeans, peanuts and hay. About the same acreage as last year is indicated for flaxseed and potatoes, but decreases are indicated for corn, oats, barley, sorghums, sweetpotatoes and cowpeas. This report excludes cotton since the law prohibits the publication of cotton acreage information until after July 1. The 1951 corn acreage is indicated at 1,198,000 acres a decrease of 9 percent from the acreage planted in 1950. The acreage of oats, indicated at 1,023,000 acres is 15 percent below the 1,204,000 acres planted last year. The acreage of barley at 117,000 acres is 38 percent of the 307,000 acres planted a year ago. The acreage of sorghums for all purposes is indicated at 1,610,000 acres, a decrease of 18 percent from the 1,963,000 acres planted in 1950. The sorghum acreage will be influenced to some extent by the out-come of the 1951 wheat crop as sorghums are frequently planted on abandoned wheat land. If present intentions are carried out the acreage of soybeans will be 42,000 acres, an increase of 45 percent, and the largest of record for Oklahoma. Reports indicate a ten percent increase in the acreage of peanuts grown alone for all purposes, or 231,000 acres compared with 210,000 in 1950. The acreage of all hay, both tame and wild, is indicated at 1,371,000 acres an increase of 3 percent over the 1,331,000 acres in 1950.

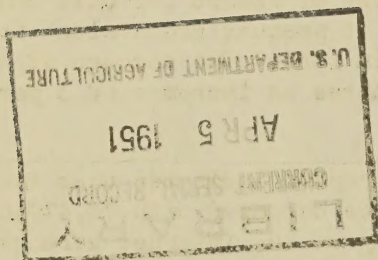
UNITED STATES: The March intentions to plant report indicates that the 1951 corn acreage will be 85,694,000 acres compared with 83,470,000 acres in 1950 and 89,481,000 the 10-year (1940-49) average. The intended acreage of All Spring Wheat is 21,850,000 acres compared with 18,509,000 acres in 1950 and 18,672,000 acres the ten-year average. The 1951 acreage of oats is 44,191,000 acres compared with 46,642,000 acres in 1950. The acreage of sorghums for all purposes is 12,540,000 acres compared with 16,587,000 last year and the intended acreage of peanuts is 2,614,000 acres compared with 2,752,000 acres in 1950.

| CROP | OKLAHOMA | | | | | UNITED STATES | | | | |
|---------------|------------------|---------|-------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Planted Acreages | | | | | Planted Acreages | | | | |
| | Average | 1940-49 | 1950 | Indica- ted 1951 | % of 1950 | Average | 1940-49 | 1950 | Indica- ted 1951 | % of 1950 |
| | (000) | (000) | (000) | (000) | | (000) | (000) | (000) | (000) | |
| Corn, All | 1,620 | 1,316 | 1,198 | 91 | | 89,481 | 84,370 | 85,694 | 102 | |
| Oats | 1,396 | 1,204 | 1,023 | 85 | | 43,510 | 46,642 | 44,191 | 95 | |
| Barley | 370 | 307 | 117 | 38 | | 14,281 | 13,235 | 11,413 | 86 | |
| Flaxseed | 23 | 4 | 4 | 100 | | 4,158 | 4,064 | 3,921 | 96 | |
| Sorghums, All | 1,973 | 1,963 | 1,610 | 82 | | 16,024 | 16,587 | 12,540 | 76 | |
| Potatoes | 24 | 10 | 10 | 100 | | 2,625 | 1,866 | 1,589.6 | 85 | |
| Sweetpotatoes | 9 | 6 | 5 | 83 | | 672 | 573 | 443.9 | 77 | |
| Soybeans 1/ | 21 | 29 | 42 | 145 | | 12,266 | 14,704 | 13,772 | 94 | |
| Cowpeas 1/ | 94 | 104 | 77 | 74 | | 2,043 | 1,089 | 941 | 86 | |
| Peanuts 1/ | 236 | 210 | 231 | 110 | | 3,666 | 2,752 | 2,614 | 95 | |
| Hay 2/ | 1,337 | 1,331 | 1,371 | 103 | | 74,845 | 75,741 | 75,656 | 100 | |

1/ Grown alone for all purposes.

2/ Acreage harvested.

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